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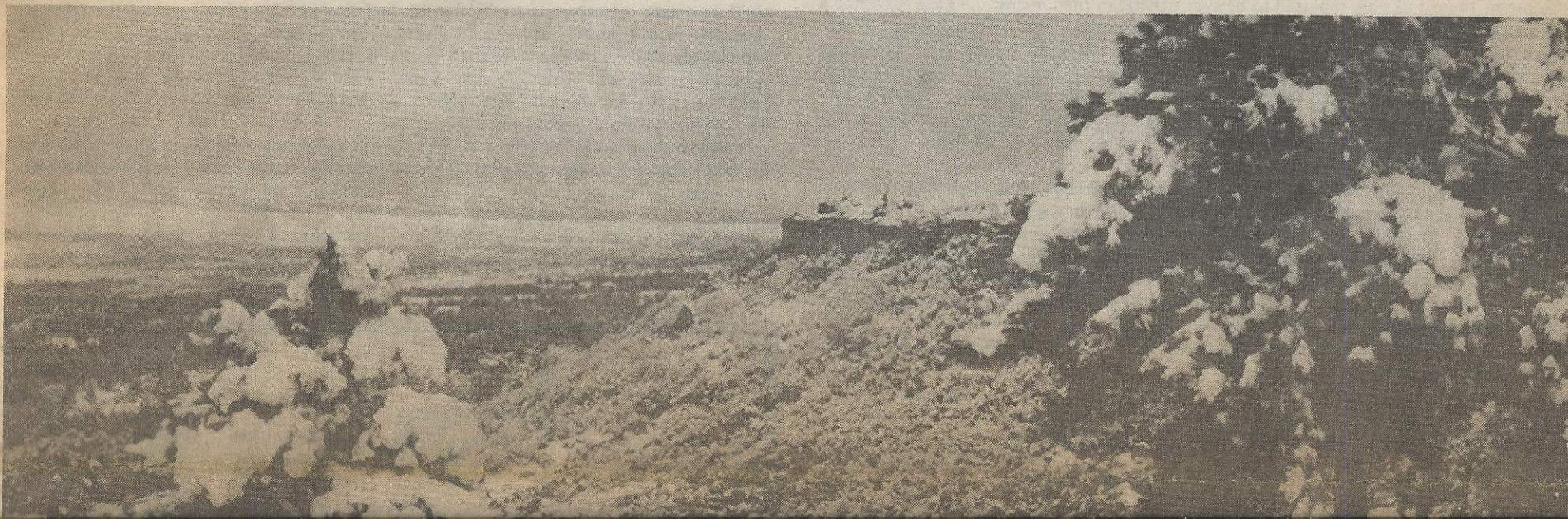




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# New look for 1985

As the winter season settles into Colorado, the COLORADO LIBERTY settles into its new look and its new publishing format. This Winter Edition will be followed by tri-monthly Spring, Summer and Fall Editions.

## Analysis

# Grand Junction economy takes a dive

By BOB JAHELKA

Grand Junction's economic plight was the subject of a December article in the Denver Post, which declared an economic catastrophe one would only wish on one's worst enemies. Statistics show homes for sale in 1984 were thirteen times the number in 1980; personal and business bankruptcies abound; real estate values have fallen better than 50%; most S&L's are reported on the margin; and area population has sharply declined.

Add local government financial problems to the picture. Mesa County floated a \$36 million bond issue to cover specified construction expenses with this

debt to be paid from estimated annual sales tax revenues of \$11 million. Actual revenues are now \$4.6 million, just a shade above what's needed to service this one debt. Civil servant pay raises are being canceled and concern about maintaining services at present levels is under discussion. Needless to say, city governments share the same headaches.

The root cause of these problems is the sharp drop in demand for energy. Oil well drilling activity has diminished, demand for coal has dropped, uranium prices have declined; but the major impact is the drop in synfuels activity-

close to 100% according to some reports. This is not new however: similar boom/bust events occurred in the early 1900's and again during and for a period after WWII. Both of these synfuel booms were killed by big petroleum finds; the first by the Texas fields and the second by the OPEC fields.

The present bust stems from the world oil glut and history once again repeats itself. Government intervention, in this instance, has made this a larger, more costly bust. It all began with the Arab oil embargo in 1973-1974 which initiated us consumers to the "energy crisis" via long gas lines and sharply higher prices administered by OPEC. Aware-

ness that the U.S. was no longer self-sufficient with approximately 40% of our daily needs being imported became common knowledge. During the Ford and Carter years, plans were being laid for government to do something about the problem.

The Energy Security Act of 1980 was the answer. It brought tax money to bear on the problem with better than \$17 billion placed at the disposal of the Synfuels Corp. just to get things started. It was contemplated that four times this initial amount would be used before the end of the decade. The goal was to create more liquid fuel supplies from shale, tar sands, and coal located in the Piceance

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## CLP condemns U.S. military presence in Central America

### Party also votes to support firearm legislation

The Colorado Libertarian Party Board of Directors, in action taken at the December 20 meeting, strongly endorsed the following resolution:

"The Colorado Libertarian Party is strongly opposed to the U.S. military presence in the conflicts in Nicaragua and El Salvador. We urge the following actions be taken:

"1. Unilateral withdrawal of all U.S. Armed Forces from Central America except for those present in the Panama Canal Zone for purely defensive purposes.

"2. Curtailment of shipments of weapons, munitions and other military equipment to Central America, except for

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# Regional Roundup

## Gravel pit biz raises property rights questions

By JIM GLENNIE

PARK COUNTY— The High Timber Times, Park County's local newspaper, has not yet chosen to do a feature article on the following issue, but they have carried two letters to the editor. The first was headlined, "Illegal Operation", and the second "Without a Permit."

To anyone but the uninitiated, this would be a clear signal that something serious and dangerous is occurring in our area.

What is going on? Well, it seems that one of the oldest ranches (acquired during the era when America's homestead laws were still in effect) is engaging in a gravel mining operation. Such operations tend to be messy: lots of dust, noise, rumbling trucks, unsightly views, etc.

And, as might be expected, some of the solid citizens who live nearby object to this intrusion into their "rights." To their dismay, the rancher has not been penalized or reprimanded for operating illegally. (It seems that he has not asked permission of the duly elected authorities to conduct gravel pit operations, although the pit has been in operation since 1975.)

Some of these folks are reported to be sympathetic to the rancher and have suggested a compromise: Move the gravel pit to another location on his ranch where it will not affect his community, and then these folks would not only refrain from protesting the pit operations, but would actually assist financially in the transfer of the operations.

However, they are distressed to report that the rancher is intransigent. Not only does he refuse their generous offer of aid, but when he appears at the county hearings, it is with inadequate or missing documentation. And yet he gets a sympathetic, even good-natured reception from the planning commissioners.

These people are angry. They feel that their rights are being violated, that their land and home values are being reduced by an operation that they see as illegal, and they sense that good old boy politics are being played out against them.

If these are the salient facts, then this would seem to be a clear-cut case of property rights: the rancher's right to use his property as he sees fit versus the right of his neighbors to enjoy their property free from intrusion. When these rights seem to clash, how can individuals in a free society justly resolve them?

In future columns I will examine some alternatives and keep you abreast of developments in this case.

## Taxpayers foot the bill for Boulder's planning

## Steamboat treasury raided

By ROBERT JAHELKA

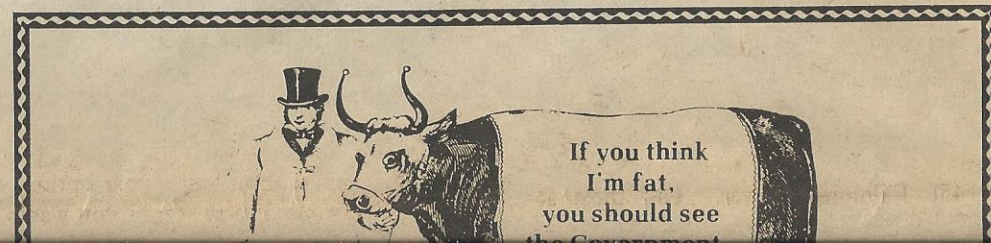
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS— The Steamboat Springs City Council recently announced a \$200,000 grant to the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort for funds to aid their promotional activities. Council members justified this disbursement of tax money on the grounds that all will benefit from this investment. The propriety of this was barely questioned. Media applauded the decision and commented that it's hoped the Council will be less "Stingy" next time.

A couple of libertarians, along with a conservative or two, are trying to arouse some criticism through personal contacts with Council members, letters to the editor and the like. One call to a private citizen elicited this response: "Those -----! You expected different?" Answers this strong were in the minority, however, so a groundswell of objections doesn't appear to be in the offing. A few objectors have promised to continue the fight and perhaps we can at least stop future raids on the City Treasury.

## Colo. Spgs. to host 1985 CLP convention May 3-5

The Convention this year will be held in Colorado Springs during the weekend of May 3, 4, and 5. An exciting program dealing with political action is being planned with speakers such as Murray Rothbard and Larry Dodge. There will be parties and fun. There will be lively discussion both in the workshops and in the business meetings. The general theme for the workshops is "Getting Political". Various workshops will deal with the question of "Ideology vs. Pragmatism," the value of initiatives in spreading the Libertarian message, the sorts of issues that should be emphasized, and the types of races that ought to be emphasized. Some of the business to be enacted should evoke some lively discussion also. One of the items of great importance is what constitutes membership in CLP. This is an issue because with the recent court decision, any voter can register as a Libertarian. Does that make one a Libertarian or what? There will also be displays by various groups and businesses.

Preregistration is available now at \$45 for the entire main events package which will include all speeches, films, meetings, parties, and access to the display area. Not included are meals, drinks, lodging, etc. This price will be good through February 15th. Registration at the door and preregistration up to May 1 will also be available. Write to Peter Nelson through the Colorado Liberty if you are interested in preregistration or in a display area for your business or organization.





# Taxpayers foot the bill for Boulder's planning

By JERRY VAN SICKLE

BOULDER— As in Berkeley and Ann Arbor and Madison, Boulder's public University attracts faculty and students, governmental agencies and contractors, who welcome government interference into the local economy.

Comprehensive planning has become a sacred rite in Boulder. The careful definition of rights between new and existing neighbors is being abandoned for a bargaining process with planning staffs, boards, city councils and county commissioners— the death knell of real planning and an invitation to corruption. Long run and imaginative planning is filled with uncertainty for those who invest their savings in land and buildings.

Boulder's "Comp Plan" was the mechanism used to turn away a major rival to Storage Technology, Boulder County's largest employer. STC is now on the financial ropes. Thousands of their unemployed workers have been denied another expanding high tech employer in Boulder.

Without a blush, the portion of the Comp Plan used to turn down those "out-of-town-jaspers" was then amended to allow a specific local firm, NBO, to expand. In spite of the special legislation it worked so hard to achieve, NBI then threw up its hands at the endless red tape and expensive submissions required to satisfy local planning processes; they now threaten to move or expand outside of Boulder.

The common assumption remains that all this intervention is legitimate. Most outspoken citizens are in favor of limiting— or aiding— natural economic growth. Few speak in favor of freedom— for everyone to move and work and offer jobs wherever they are willing to do so peacefully.

So— Boulder City Council and staff are now joining local businesses and interested citizens in "planning" the evolution of downtown Boulder. Their shared notion is clear: Citizens and their elected, and appointed, officials, have every right to aid or limit investors and landowners. After all, "their" developments become "our" downtown and the impact on nearby neighborhoods needs special public protection.

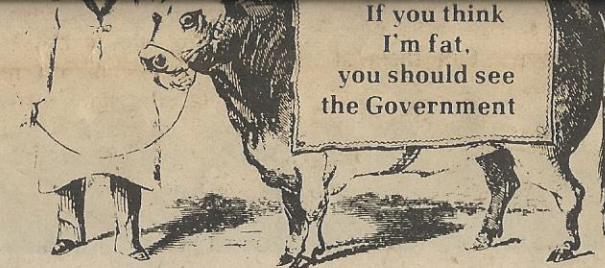
Boulder forgets that the "public" has no intention of sharing losses with hobbled investors or sacrificed neighborhoods— that windfall advantages will be handed to some landowners because equal opportunity is denied others— that the consumer and taxpayer will pay in unseen ways because of competition denied.

In the midst of Boulder's interferences with natural and imaginative change, there are signs of hope. Economic squeeze is the incentive for libertarian ideas to edge their way into public consideration.

Under the pressure of maintenance costs for public roads, Boulder County set up a committee to study the encouragement of private roads in new subdivisions and the return of public roads and maintenance to existing neighborhoods!

Under the pressure of escalating jail costs, Boulder County is considering the possibility of private contracting for the building and management of jail facilities! Even the liberal Camera, Boulder's only daily newspaper, has pondered the virtues of this alternative. Their editorial on private jails noted the similarity to another recent event. After years of pleading to the State Legislature for more Courts to clear the backlog of cases, a senior District Judge and chief clerk resigned their posts to set up a private arbitration service. Richard Dana announced his plan to have respected judges join him in settling disputes between willing parties— for an hourly fee— with a guarantee of timely service.

Private roads, jails and courts! Even the most sacred of public services are being considered for private alternatives in communal-minded Boulder!



## Quotations

" 'Tis a Common Observation that our cause is *the cause of all mankind*, and that we are fighting for their Liberty in defending our own."

-Benjamin Franklin, 1777

"I'm all in favor of separation of church and state; those two organizations cause enough damage on their own."

-George Carlin

"The ultimate result of shielding man from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools."-Herbert Spencer, 1844

"If you would not confront your neighbor and demand his money at the point of a gun to solve every new problem that may appear in your life, you should not ask the government to do it for you."

Bill Simon, *A Time for Truth*



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# Membership fees to be debated at convention

The requirements for membership in the Colorado Libertarian Party may change substantially at the Party's May convention in Colorado Springs, according to Dwight Filley, the Party Chair.

Currently, only those people who have paid their dues of \$25 per year are members of the Libertarian Party. But a recent Court ruling allowed Libertarians to register as such in Colorado, and this put the Party in the same position as the Democrats and Republicans.

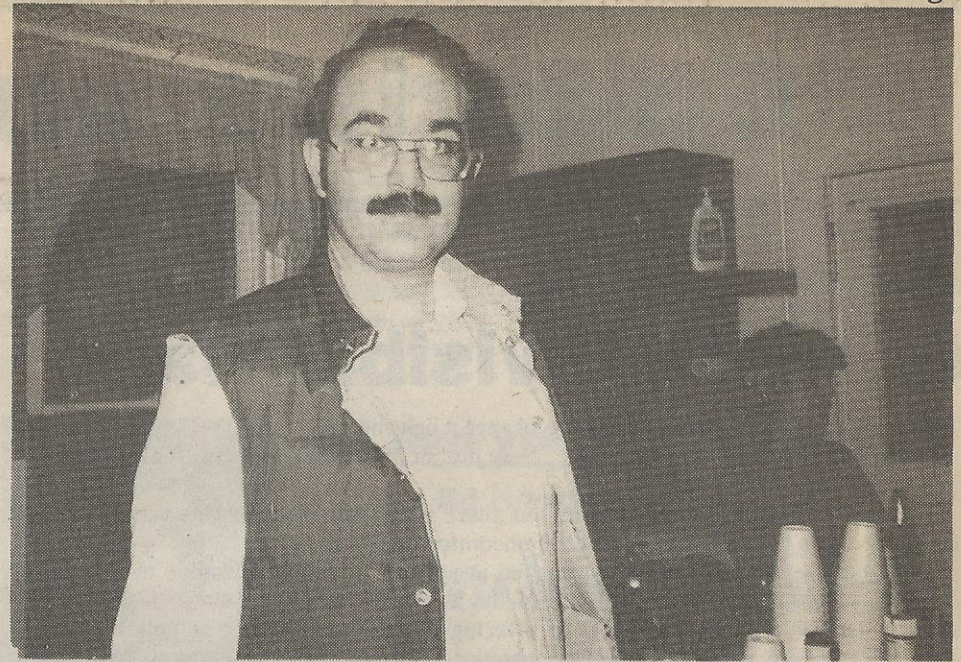
There is no paid membership in either of the two older parties.

According to Filley, there are both pros and cons to dropping the dues requirement to be considered a member of the Party. "We clearly need to maintain a group of people who care enough about liberty to contribute financially,

especially considering our perpetually tight budget," he said, "but it can be argued that if a person registers as a Libertarian, who are we to say that person isn't *really* a Libertarian because he hasn't paid us any money?"

Filley went on to point out that some other states, confronted with this problem, have only charged dues to become a member of the (blank) State Libertarian League, or Coalition, or some such name.

"I look forward to the debate on this topic at the Convention," he continued. "We need to resolve it in such a way that we maximize both the number of Libertarians and the financial health of the Party."



"We're getting fewer votes, but they're costing us less each time," quoth LP founder Dave Nolan.

## Wednesday is Libertarian day

Penn Pffnner, Campaigns Chair, has established Libertarian Worknights on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Foremost Realty, 3315 W. 72nd Avenue, Wheatridge. Mike Kruse, owner of Foremost, has most graciously given us the use of his office and phones for the purpose of contacting members and non-members to spread the message of freedom and raise capital to ensure our political future.

Volunteers should call Penn at 427-4357.

**Parties!** Cocktail parties will still be held the second Wednesday of the month at Bob Hurt and Betty Beverly's house, 1456 Fillmore, Denver. Call them at 329-3218 for directions.

**Board of Directors** - the fourth Wed-

## Common law frees marriages from state

by Rev. Christopher Mohr

As a minister I am amazed at how hard it is for me to convince the people I marry to have a marriage at the common law. Even Libertarians seem to have this crazy notion that they are not married if they don't get their license from the State. It's a real personal triumph for me when I manage to convince a couple to keep the State out of their bedrooms.

In the common vernacular, a "common-law" marriage is often a euphemism for an unmarried couple living out of wedlock together. But a marriage at the common law is an entirely different thing. We are fortunate that Colorado is one of only a tiny handful of states that fully recognizes common-law marriage. Legally, you are married when you say you are married. If you choose to have a minister solemnize your relationship before God or your community, that is your option. And if for some bizarre reason you want to give the state jurisdiction over your

if you have a wedding ceremony with a minister, in front of friends and relatives, where you publicly proclaim the vows of marriage. If anyone is foolish enough to challenge your children's inheritances, you or your children can bring forth anyone who witnessed the wedding, or produce a church wedding certificate signed and witnessed by the preacher, the bridal party and yourselves.

In the event you decide upon a divorce, you and your spouse can work out a settlement without the interference of the State. It is humiliating to iron out an agreement about visitation rights, alimony and property division and then have the State review it and declare that maybe your kids would be better off in an arrangement made by the State.

Real Libertarians resolve their own conflicts, or hire arbitrators (and there are many highly trained counselors in the areas of divorce settlements) before running to the State to have some judge tell them what to do. At any time, if

relationships are not subject to State control. But as a heterosexual I would think twice about participating in a system that refuses to recognize ten per cent of our population.

Like me, you may already be saddled with one of those confounded State marriage licenses. If so, then your private life is now the property of the State. Just three years ago, a married couple was arrested and convicted of the "crime" of enjoying anal sex in the privacy of their own bedroom. Unusual? For now, maybe. But if the Moral Majority continues to gain political power, they will already have the weapons they need to enforce the missionary position upon everyone, for *we have already given it to them voluntarily!*

I am seriously considering getting a State divorce and then remarrying at the common law to free myself of my own license. I asked the State for an annulment by simply mailing them my li-



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**Board of Directors**— the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1456 Fillmore, Denver, at 7:30 pm.

## Convention committees forming

Volunteers are needed to serve on the following committees in preparation for the Colorado Libertarian Party State Convention:

**Nomination Committee**— contacting Libertarians to run for the Board of Directors, 1985-86.

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee**— reviewing CLP documents for possible changes, including this year's important issue "*Who Is a Libertarian Party Member Now That We Can Register As Libertarians?*"

**Platform Committee**— Reviewing the CLP Platform in order to add new planks, discard planks and rewrite parts of the statement of principles of our Party.

Volunteers can contact Dwight Filley at 322-2689 or Campaigns Chair, Penn Pfiffner, at 427-4357.

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ried. If you choose to have a minister solemnize your relationship before God or your community, that is your option. And if for some bizarre reason you want to give the state jurisdiction over your private relationship, you can even do that by getting a license. But your married or unmarried state is entirely between the two of you, and you are the source of all legal power in declaring your bond to be one of marriage.

I have heard people tell me countless times that they plan to have kids, and therefore they want inheritance rights protected with a marriage license. They even have the pathetic notion that if they are married at the common law, their offspring will be "bastards."

Of course, none of this is true. Having children is a good reason to keep the State out of your marriage, to offer you at least partial protection from the state's claim of jurisdiction over your children in areas of health, education, etc. There can be no question that you are married

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As an aside, I might add that the State has refused to condone homosexual marriages, and it is of course impossible to be licensed to wed if you are gay. As far as I'm concerned, this is the same kind of discrimination that keeps women from being drafted. I haven't heard of any feminist marches demanding their right to be drafted, and gays should consider themselves equally lucky that their re-

I am seriously considering getting a State divorce and then remarrying at the common law to free myself of my own license. I asked the State for an annulment by simply mailing them my license and telling them that I no longer wanted it and could they please just remove our names from their records. I discovered that they wanted \$75 or so and all the necessary divorce papers — after all, divorce is big business for the State. \$75 may just be the price I will have to pay for freedom.

Someone else I know asked the State for an annulment on the grounds that his three-way marriage among himself, his wife and the State was never properly consummated: the State kept screwing them but he could never screw the State! If you're fortunate enough now to be unmarried, please remember to keep the State out of your bedroom. As a minister I consider marriage to the State to be an unspeakable crime against Nature, and a most ungodly perversion.

## Help your waitress, deny the IRS

### How to Slash Taxes In the Next 5 Minutes

The purpose of this slip is to help defeat an insane new IRS procedure that threatens to impoverish the people who serve the food in our country's restaurants. With this slip you can **take away their power** to put the squeeze on the guys and gals who work so hard in the food industry. You can have the satisfaction of helping another productive American to **be free**. Isn't it high time that we who work and pay the bills of our spendthrift politicians begin to stick together? It's a step in the right direction.

**Customer:** Only you say whether the amount you give is a payment for service or a gift. If you say it's a gift, it becomes **tax-exempt** to the recipient. If you don't say one way or other, the IRS will claim it was a taxable payment. Does the IRS deserve to speak for you? Please fill out the other end of this slip and eliminate any doubt as to the purpose of the amount you leave for your waiter or waitress. This is completely lawful and there's no risk to you.

**Waiter/Waitress:** Offer this slip to your customers. If they are interested, tell them about the new procedures that require your management to report imaginary "tip" amounts to the IRS, and to withhold taxes from your tiny paycheck on the basis of the gross receipts of the restaurant. Save the filled-out slips. You will be able to use them to reduce the amounts IRS can tax you on. Gifts are **not taxable** and **need not be reported**.

**Owner/Manager:** Your business suffers when your people are crushed by stupid tax collections. Not to mention the horrendous bookkeeping connected with the "tip" withholding regulation. It's in your interest to help your people and your customers understand that with this slip **everyone's a winner**. Your costs are lower, your staff works harder because they get to keep what is rightfully theirs, and your customers get the benefit of dining in a more efficient competitive restaurant — yours! Help get this slip printed up, and make sure the service staff have plenty of copies to **give to customers**. Keep some by the register.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a gift from me to you. It is **not** payment for any service. It is a gift. I appreciate and admire your qualities of dedication and willingness to support yourself — qualities that are becoming very rare in this welfare society. You are to be commended.

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# Editorials and Comments

## Editorial

### No more Invisible Hand

How many Libertarians does it take to change a light bulb?

Libertarians don't change light bulbs. They just sit in the dark and wait for the invisible hand to take care of it for them!

No, I don't think it's funny either, but there is enough truth in this version of the classic put-down joke to make me a little uncomfortable.

Sometimes we Libertarians get so carried away by the wonders possible if only there were a true free market; by our images of the idyllic life we could have on Galt's Mountain or wherever, that we stop short of offering tangible solutions to complicated problems. We resort to vague promises and obscure examples, such as the success of anarchy in the Hula-Boola tribe on some remote island off the coast of Africa, or some other nonsense about how "If everyone were totally free, somehow, some way, naturally, mystically..." everything will work out. Is it any wonder that sometimes our audience's eyes glaze over, and our "message" is lost in the shuffling of feet?

From now on, whenever someone asks how far I would take this freedom business, and how exactly I propose to get there, I promise I'm not going to rely on the Invisible Hand.

I'll tell them the best way to change a light bulb.

## From the chair

by Dwight Filley

### A way to win more elections

The primary goal of the Libertarian Party should be to elect candidates to office. After all, isn't that what a political party does?

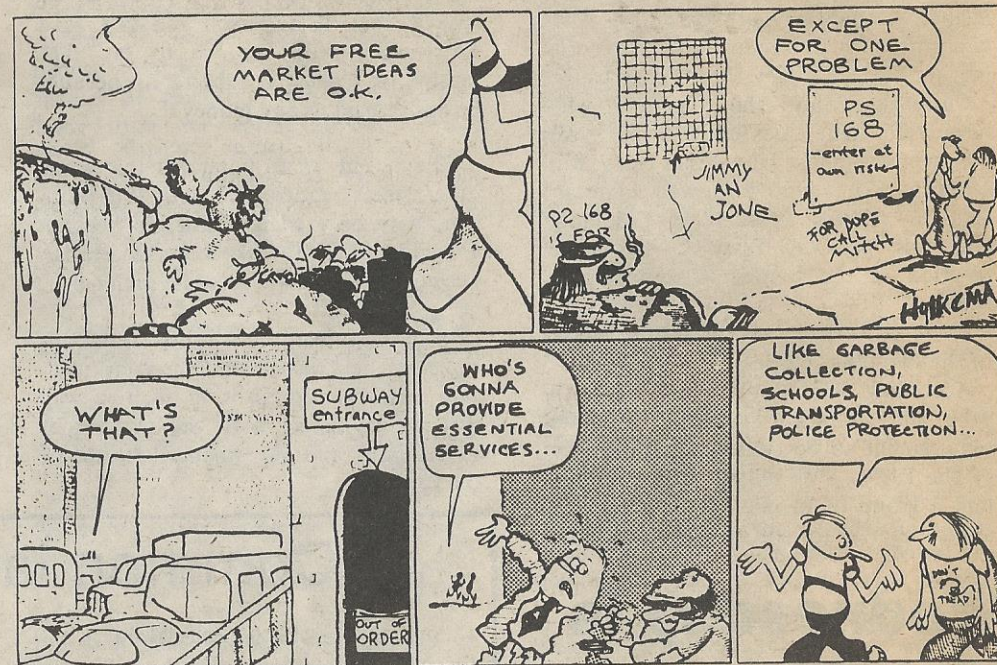
The question then becomes, how do we best accomplish this goal? Clearly we get our highest vote totals in the smaller races, so this is where we are most likely to win.

Unfortunately, the candidates most capable of winning, those with the most energy, and the best communication skills, tend to run for major offices, where they can reach a wider audience.

This has considerable merit from the point of view of educating the public about freedom and the attainment thereof, but our vote totals in the major races seem to show little correlation between vigorous campaigning and high vote counts. At the Gubernatorial, Senate or Congressional level, we probably get the committed Libertarian voters and little else, no matter how hard we campaign.

However, in the less important races, vigorous and skillful campaigning can often make a major difference in vote totals. This is due to several factors:

First, people are more likely to risk their vote on a radical candidate for a lesser office.



Randall K. Hylkema

## Guest editorial

### Our amber atmosphere-a free market solution

By BRUCE RIGGS

"For purple mountain majesty, for amber atmosphere..." Prelude to *Denver the Beautiful*. Grain looks nice waving amber across Colorado's eastern plains. The up thrust Rockies form an elegant backdrop looking west. The New Wave addition of orange air does not improve this landscape. Choosing not to live in

do not bear the full cost of their action. *Private cost is divergent from social cost*—the definition of a technological externality.

As one individual driver's contribution to the problem or solution is exceedingly small, the market incentive is to do nothing at all. However, owners, operators, tenants and employers in Metro buildings bear the higher cost of maintenance as-



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First, people are more likely to risk their vote on a radical candidate for a lesser office, probably because they are hesitant to risk a vote on such a radical philosophy, and want to try it out on the lowest possible level.

Second, smaller races are frequently not contested, and sometimes not even visible to the voter. A good effort on our part might make the Libertarian candidate the only one anyone ever heard of.

And third, the opposing candidates in smaller races are often real bozos, against whom our people can shine.

It's true that we give up some positive exposure by encouraging our most energetic and articulate people to run for little tiny positions, but this party needs a WIN! Something we can point to as a solid success.

Furthermore, campaigns by their very nature are not very educational. How much of the philosophy of freedom can you get across when the moderator gives you three minutes?

If we want to educate, we should do so between campaigns—on talk shows, with letters to the editors, speeches, etc.

During campaigns, we should put our primary effort on winning—not by compromising any principles, but by using those three minutes to say something simple, principled, and attractive to the voter.

The way to win is to try hardest in the smallest races, and run lineholders in the major ones.

The best candidates should run in the smallest races.

## **Short stuff**

by **Serena O'Shea**

# **Rational thought goes on the rampage**



Overheard on the Campaign Trail '84:

"Oh, I don't have the time to vote today, I'll go tomorrow."

"Mondale can't say he will have to raise taxes. Even though Reagan will anyway, he knows not to say it." The same man's reason for voting for Reagan? "He won't raise taxes."

"What do you mean, I have to register?"

"Attend my caucuses? We don't have them, we're Methodist."

"Well, I was there once and they changed the door, the regular one was locked. I'm NOT voting! They make it as hard as possible."

"I'm not voting for her, she always wore that red suit."

"I'm voting for him, his family looks nice."

"I'm not voting for him, he wouldn't come to the coffee I had at my house."

"I'm voting for her, I saw her in that parade."

From the cognitive reasoning of a five-year-old: "Well, I would vote for Ronald Reagan because he is a King!"

The up thrust Rockies form an elegant backdrop looking west. The New Wave addition of orange air does not improve this landscape. Choosing not to live in a "punk" rendition of "Queen City of the Plains," I would like to address Denver's smog problem and explore the possibility of a free-market solution.

It is no secret that the automobile is the chief contributor of toxic carbon monoxide and oxides of nitrogen. Further, the automobile is a significant contributor to the particulate component of our amber atmosphere. Recently, Denver mounted a Better Air Campaign to effect a voluntary reduction in the number of cars operating in the Metro area, and consequently to reduce the levels of these pollutants in the air. The question remains as to why any rational driver, responding to market incentive and self-interest, should drive less, take the bus, or even care?

In the economic jargon, car exhaust is a "technological externality"—a non-market spill over from the markets which govern the operation of one's car. Insofar as the driver ponders a trip in the Metro area at all, three factors are weighed:

- 1.) Convenience of driving.
- 2.) Cost of driving vs. other options, inputting some value for time in travel.
- 3.) Budget constraints.

Since there is no direct charge for emitting more pollution by driving, why consider the quantity of pollutants added to the decision at all in the decision equation?

While the discharge of emissions is a free resource to the driver, it is not without cost to the community as a whole. It increases the deterioration of buildings, the maintenance of air filtration systems, the cost and frequency of window cleaning, and the wage one commands to work in this environment. Further, it is both an irritant and health risk to Metro residents. These costs are quantifiable and real. Drivers clearly

small, the market incentive is to do nothing at all. However, owners, operators, tenants and employers in Metro buildings bear the higher cost of maintenance associated with high pollution, effectively, the external burden not accruing to drivers. Their market solution is to bribe others to drive less.

The amount of the bribe should be equal to the increased cost of operations above the level required at the limit of the atmosphere's capacity to absorb auto emissions. The bribe is then amortized over the estimated time required to get the public to respond. And what form shall the bribe take? Pass out dollars to people on the Mall who promise to ride the bus? It would be hard to measure the success of that program. Rather, the bribe should take the form of moral suasion. Those bearing the external burden would do well to fund the touching no drive ads of the Better Air Campaign and to independently produce ads to touch the hearts and keys of the more reluctant. Individuals with Metro involvements serve their own self-interest by paying (bribing) their way into the moral market in which the automobile operator operates.

Like most bribes held up in a market economy, this also can be a double-edged sword. If those bearing the external costs cannot bribe one to drive less, they will bribe public officials to force restrictions on the car habit. Simple economics have proven many times that solutions of individual volition are far cheaper than mandatory controls and enforcement.

Denver has offered a free-market solution to the smog problem. Granted, the market incentive is thin. Perhaps less than convincing to a population raised on government interference. Further, it is a carrot and stick approach. If the market responds slowly, the high-cost command system is waiting in the wings. Take the bribe. Eat the carrot.



# Letters

## Moral corruption?

To the Editor:

I want to thank Stormy Mon and *Colorado Liberty* for the kind words in the review of my book, *A Liberty Primer*.

I can't resist commenting on Stormy's complaint about my copyright, which to him suggests an egregious lack of consistency in following libertarian principles. Extending his line of reasoning, to achieve ideological purity one would have to stop breathing if the air had benefitted from government enforcement of pollution laws. Maybe if we all hold our breath, government will go away.

I note that four other libertarian books favorably mentioned in Stormy's review (*Restoring the American Dream* by Ringer, *For a New Liberty* by Rothbard, *A New Beginning* by Ed Clark and *The Incredible Bread Machine* by World Research) are all also copyrighted by their authors. This heresy obviously reaches high in our ranks!

Even *Colorado Liberty*, which Stormy cites as an exemplar of purity for avoiding copyrights, is, according to its front cover, delivered by the U.S. Government Postal Service at a subsidized "non-profit" rate under government permit Number 675.

There seems to be no end to our moral corruption!

Alan Burris

## Democratic tyranny

To the Editor:

Craig Green's response to my earlier criticism leaves that criticism intact (*Colorado Liberty*, November-December 1984).

I had reproached Mr. Green for recom-

Dunn, I will attempt to briefly answer his three main points.

His first assertion is that I recommend Democracy. However, my statement that "Democracy is the least offensive form of traditional government" did not include a recommendation for a Democratic form of government. By "traditional form of government" I meant alternative forms of tyranny of which Democracy is but one. The only reason Democracy could be considered less offensive than a Monarchy, for example, is more people would be making decisions. At least a step in the right direction.

Mr. Dunn's second point, with which I strongly disagree, is that modern Libertarianism is a revival of the original concepts of our Constitutional Republic. Libertarianism, simple stated, is the idea that each person owns his own life and property and should have the freedom to live in any manner he chooses, so long as he does not deny that freedom to others. No document (especially one written by a few) can guarantee that freedom.

Mr. Dunn's third point is that I offer no evidence to support my claims that over one half of the military budget is spent for something other than defense. Without running to my library for facts and figures, I would suggest that adding up the cost of maintaining U.S. forces and weapons systems in Europe and Japan would adequately demonstrate my point. (References: Ravenal, Rothbard, et al.) Another item to be included would be land based strategic offensive weapons systems. I don't consider policing the world as the same as defending the U.S. against attack.

Craig Green

## Dunn's not done yet

have been consistently in the wrong regarding the advent of advanced weapons.

If Mr. Elmore was more interested in scholarship than raising alarms, he might have taken the trouble to investigate Project Defender, which was an effort in the 1960's to develop comprehensive defense against missile attack. It was the aerospace community's conclusion 20 years ago that such a defense was possible, but the entire program was put on ice by the Kennedy-Johnson adminis-

trations and their MAD-architect, Robert S. McNamara. The main problem separating us from such a defense system is *political*, not technical. The LP has the choice of furthering this project ....or of opposing it in favor of nuclear annihilation. I, for one, consider the Strategic Defense Initiative to be the most revolutionary *libertarian* shift in strategic policy since the advent of nuclear weapons.

Michael J. Dunn  
Editor, *American Defense*



## If I had your money...

by Ed Hoskins

## Underground has own price

### IF I HAD YOUR MONEY...

I never cease to be amazed at the fear, loathing, avoidance, and resulting ignorance of most of my friends concerning their financial matters.

So I hope that in this space I can, in the months to come, help to clarify, put in order, un muddy, etc., some of the various financial and tax issues that pester us all.

I'd like to treat, in some depth, but with an eye to the ironies involved, "tax shelters," flat tax proposals, value added taxation, common investment and purchasing decisions, the risks and opportunities in the financial markets, the myths and facts about hard currency investment and hoarding, and what is new and used in tax resistance.

### EVERYTHING HAS ITS PRICE

Taxes are theft. I hate them. As a result, I have a certain amount of conflict about being a tax accountant. If I didn't feel that I was helping my friends, I'd

probably will anyway if trends continue.

That said, I will now speak frankly about tax resistance and tax cheating. And taxable income.

The underground economy lives, but it is being much more careful. Due to new reporting and enforcement measures enacted under the Reagan administration, the opportunities for hiding income are narrow and getting narrower. The ways to conduct business while not coming to the attention of the IRS are fewer and less comfortable. There is a heavy price to be paid—in life style, in convenience, in the burden of fear—and that's if you're successful. Many go broke trying to make a living underground. Many are nailed.

The tax resistance movement survives, but mostly as a collection of profitably oversold (Buy my book! Take my newsletter!) schemes whose only claim to fame is temporary exasperation on the part of the government. The perennially successful tax resisters are more likely to be quiet and/or impoverished. In



criticism leaves that criticism intact (*Colorado Liberty*, November-December 1984).

I had reproached Mr. Green for recommending democracy as "the least offensive kind of (traditional) government," when the weight of history has shown it to be one of the most abusive forms of tyranny... against which the Founding Fathers developed the political principles of a Constitutional Republic, which we now revive under the name of libertarianism. Mr. Green does not deny or refute this charge, but confirms it by instancing the degeneration of our Constitutional Republic into a democracy. Oddly, he seems to think that such a dire result relieves him of any responsibility for recommending more of the same— as though the descent into tyranny were a natural, "inevitable" process that should be accepted as a *fait accompli*. I can only wonder if he would feel so sanguine toward the Divine Right of Kings, had our society degenerated into despotic monarchy.

But degeneration is *not* "inevitable," and our goal as libertarians fundamentally depends on the assumption that we *can* rectify the course of history and recover the political principles that defend our rights as individuals. If we are committed to this goal as libertarians, it necessarily entails the regeneration of our Constitutional Republic— if only as a step in the progression toward a more complete liberty. Therefore, Mr. Green's cynical refuge in democracy is incompatible with basic libertarian ideals.

As for his offhand opinion that "more than half" of the military budget has nothing to do with defense, I would welcome some substance to his claim rather than prejudice: Libertarians too often take up the bad habit of speaking through their hats.

Michael J. Dunn  
Editor, *American Defense*

## Green replies

To the Editor:  
Although I never expect to satisfy Mr.

## Dunn's not done yet

To the Editor:

Marcus Elmore "assures" us (upon reading a book by Freeman Dyson) that a space-based defense system couldn't work, would be destabilizing, and would impoverish the nation.

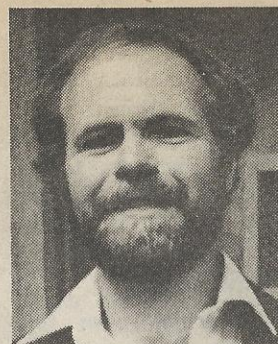
Freeman Dyson is not part of, and has no access to, the work being performed under the Strategic Defense Initiative. He, along with Carl Sagan and others, have their pre-formed opinions based on lack of definitive knowledge of what our technological capabilities really are. Scientists who *are* familiar with this effort (Edward Teller, George Keyworth, Jastrow, the Fletcher Committee, the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics) are in support of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

More specifically, I am currently involved in this work as a system engineer at the Boeing Aerospace Company, conducting preliminary design of kinetic energy weapons typical of those proposed in the High Frontier concept. I have been previously involved in design work concerning high-energy lasers. From the results we have to date, there appears to be no basic technical obstacle to developing and deploying a missile defense system before the turn of the century that would be as much as 90% effective against a major Soviet attack.

Although cost estimates are uncertain at this stage of investigation, a \$50 billion price tag is seen to be a reasonable and attainable goal. Mr. Elmore's "assurances" are based on ignorance of the facts.

Mr. Filley's earlier editorial was and is squarely on the mark: this is the only option open to those who wish a change from the current balance of mutually assured destruction. As libertarians, we should be on the side of innovation and bold thinking, and be willing to place our trust in the genius of the American technological economy... rather than knuckle-under to the nay-sayers, who

sult, I have a certain amount of conflict about being a tax accountant. If I didn't feel that I was helping my friends, I'd have a lot more conflict and would instead find productive work to do. I



## Filley on freedom

by Dwight Filley

# Free Nicaragua - free trade

the products of that culture.

Now as it happens, over 60% of all goods entering the United States from Central and South America are subject to some form of trade restriction.

Why, you might ask, why in the world would the U.S. government restrict trade with the very people whose hearts and minds they want to win?

The answer, of course, is various business lobbies, which try to protect American companies from foreign competition.

The wisdom of any protectionist measure is highly questionable, but in this case, it is absurd. We should throw open our borders to the products of Central and South America, partly because U.S. citizens obviously want to buy them, partly because these sales give Latin America the money with which to buy American products, but mostly because the spread of socialism throughout these countries will be significantly slowed when the people see the full benefits of free enterprise, American style.

It has been said that when goods can't cross borders, armies will.

The Reagan administration, far from threatening military action against Nicaragua, should lift all trade restrictions. This would make both countries richer and more content, it wouldn't add one cent to the deficit, and it would go a long way toward winning the hearts and minds of the people.

The United States Government considers the communist government of Nicaragua to be a threat to its security.

This seems odd, considering the enormous disparity in size, economic strength, and military might between the two nations, but it is true nevertheless.

In response to this "threat," the American government has sent military aid to the rebel Contras fighting the Sandanista government, it has carried out aerial reconnaissance, and it has conducted large military maneuvers on Nicaragua's borders.

It has even considered further restricting trade between the two countries.

This last option seems particularly bizarre, in light of this same United States government's avowed policy in Viet Nam a decade ago; i.e. to win the hearts and minds of the people.

Like it or not, most Third World people envy America, and would like to enjoy more American things. Things such as McDonald's hamburgers, Levi's, and rock and roll.

Obviously, there is no way any government can completely win the hearts and minds of any people, but a very effective way to begin is to saturate those people with American goods, especially since they are eager to buy them.

It becomes more and more difficult to hate a culture when you have voluntarily chosen to surround yourself with



# Mandate was anti-Mondale, not pro-Reagan

by PATRICK LILLY

By now, virtually everyone has seen the polarity over the election results in the mainstream press: The conservative press is pontificating smugly about the "mandate" contained in Ronald Reagan's re-election vote total, and the liberal press is energetically, if somewhat nervously, disputing all such claims. It all sounds very predictable. What's an unbiased observer to conclude?

On this one, on the basic issue of fact, I'll side with the liberals. But, as happens so often, they've got all the wrong reasons for an essentially right conclusion. The vote totals did not represent any overwhelming, uncritical acceptance of Reagan's policies, but they certainly did represent an overwhelming, unalloyed rejection of Mondale's. Reagan's lopsided win also was not, as some Democrats have suggested, the result of a lack of exposure of Mondale's policies and proposals to the voting public. He had the cameras and tape recorders following him everywhere just like Mr. Reagan did. He also got the same \$40 million subsidy from the taxpayers that Reagan got to help him air what the *Chicago Tribune* columnist Stephen Chapman called "those obnoxious television commercials;" in fact, the Mondale campaign made the largest political TV time buy in American history just before the

election.

The Democrats are also wrong to charge that the Reagan win can be explained by those crafty Republicans somehow getting away with subverting the labyrinthine election finance restrictions which the Republicans and Democrats teamed up to foist off on us, the taxpayers. It would only be poetic justice if that *were* the case, but it's not. Those laws, just as intended, will help ensure that the Democratic Party survives this year's setback, just as they continue to help entrench the Republicans.

No, the real explanation of the Reagan landslide, the reason it does not represent any "mandate," is this: millions of people voted for Reagan because they thought (rightly or wrongly) that it was the only way to vote against Mondale. Never before have we seen a national election in which so many votes were cast "against" rather than "for."

Now, exposure, or rather the lack of it, does indeed have something to do with this. So do election finance restrictions and unfair spending advantages. But not in the way the Democrats seem to think.

The person whose vote totals were held down by a lack of exposure in the news media was not Walter Mondale, but David Bergland. If the national TV networks had reported on Bergland's campaign (remember, he campaigned

full-time for 13 months) with one-third the consistency with which they followed Mondale's doomed campaign, millions of voters would have voted against Mondale by voting for Bergland instead of Reagan. But they didn't. Aside from one spring appearance on ABC's Nightline, Bergland got not one word of mention from the TV network news people.

Then there was money. With their taxpayer subsidies, both Reagan and Mondale were able to pay for hundreds of ads on national television to publicize their campaigns. Television advertising is the one thing which can, at least in part, make up for a lack of TV news coverage. (For proof of this, is any proof is needed, just note that there were precincts in Colorado where Lyndon LaRouche, an offensive, raving, militarist socialist candidate, outpolled Bergland. He could afford national television advertising, because he, too, got a federal subsidy, left over from his unsuccessful attempt to secure the Democratic nomination. Bergland, on the other hand, could only afford to put a few spots on some of the non-national cable networks. This, too, had the effect of causing millions of Mondale non-supporters to vote, by default, for Reagan.)

And don't forget ballot status. In some races it really was a two-way race. Eleven

states, containing over 20% of the nation's voters, did not permit their citizens the option of voting for Bergland, even if they wanted to. Reagan and Mondale, like all Democrats and Republicans, had guaranteed access to the ballot in every precinct in every state.

It all comes down to this: Reagan got the margin of victory he did because American voters believed that they had a choice between a completely unacceptable candidate, Walter Mondale, and someone else. So, of course they voted for someone else. If they had realized (or, in some states, if it had been true) that they had another choice, many of them would have chosen that other choice. Had that happened, not only would there have been no landslide, no appearance of a "mandate," but David Bergland would have received a new record high Libertarian vote total.

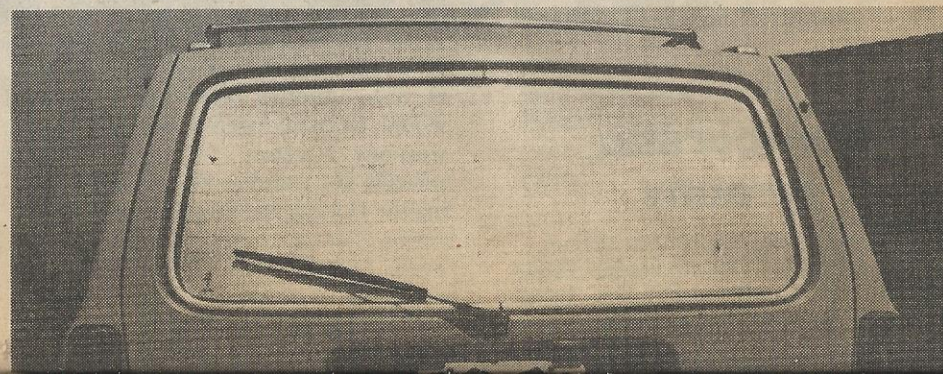
Americans are not all that thrilled over Reagan, although the current appearance of prosperity has lulled them to where they are not strongly dissatisfied, either. But they couldn't stomach Mondale, with his promise to raise taxes. And they're still being effectively controlled by the Democrats, the Republicans, the election laws, and the national news media, who steadfastly refuse to give them any other choices.

## Butterflies are freer than caterpillars

What makes a libertarian different?

The demopublican house talks about power, plumbing and curtains; libertarians say the foundation is rotten and the

makes them great is Penny's, Wards, K-Mart and all the other choices we have—competition. That's all liberty is: free choice, no coercion, competition. In areas such as education, communi-





What makes a libertarian different? The demopublican house talks about power, plumbing and curtains; libertarians say the foundation is rotten and the whole house is riddled with bureaucratic, parasitic termites.

Authoritarian statisticians talk about spending our money wisely despite years of evidence to the contrary; libertarians say keep your tax money— you can allocate better than bureaucrats.

Demopublican Republic rats are swatting at flies left and right; *Libertarians want to drain the swamp!*

To be replaced by what? What would a libertarian society look like?

It would be a department store of choice. You can get a shirt, tires or insurance from Sears, and the thing that

makes them great is Penny's, Wards, K-Mart and all the other choices we have— competition. That's all liberty is: free choice, no coercion, competition. In areas such as education, communication, transportation, garbage collection, libraries and personal activities that don't harm others.

It's an exciting, natural progression in human evolution: a caterpillar turned into a butterfly—TRANSFORMATION. Politicians would pass laws against caterpillars doing that; they'd be labeled "Radical fringe" and locked up, as an example. BECAUSE CATERPILLARS ARE EASIER TO CONTROL AND MANIPULATE THAN BUTTERFLIES. IMAGINE FREEDOM

**Editor's Note:** "Butterflies" was reprinted from Stormy Mon's manuscript, *Imagine Freedom*.

## Grand Junction bust...

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Creek Basin of Colorado, regarded as the bearer of the richest hydrocarbon deposits in the world. Grand Junction, as the economic hub of this area, would be a major beneficiary of this enormous governmental stimulation to the region's economy. Now with the ebb tide, Grand Junction's role is changed to that of a major victim.

A free market, left to deal with the problem of meeting liquid fuel demands, would have produced a more orderly growth of activity, reduced the pains

of a big bust, and saved taxpayers a bundle.

Other human costs should also be considered in arriving at a total cost associated with any big economic bust: heart attacks, strokes, ulcers, troubled marriages, and even suicides. The true price in any government intervention is always much more than the tag shows.

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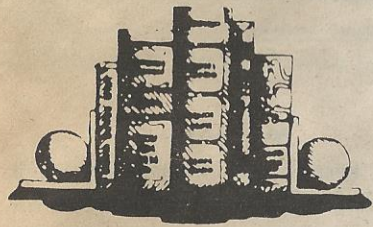
"Won't somebody please read me this copy of the COLORADO LIBERTY?" asks Erica Huffman-Williams.



"No, that's Libertarian, not libertine," insists Brenda Nilson.

## Book review

# Bergland book thought-provoking



By JACK DEAN

*Libertarianism in One Lesson*, by David Bergland, published by Orpheus Publications, 24 pages, paperback, \$1.95.

Jack Dean, chairman of the Libertarian Party of California, is a public relations consultant and magazine editor. He managed David Bergland's campaign for the State Senate in 1978, and his statewide campaign for U.S. Senate in 1980.

*Libertarianism In One Lesson* is no ordinary presidential campaign book. But then, it wasn't meant to be.

The reader seeking a philosophical treatise dealing with esoteric libertarian theories will be disappointed. But the Libertarian activist who has been searching for the ideal introductory work for friends and acquaintances will be

delighted with this primer by 1984 LP presidential candidate David Bergland.

In his introduction, Bergland states that his goal is "to assist the instructor in political science or government who desires to supplement available course material with accurate, up-to-date material about America's third largest and fastest-growing political party and the philosophy on which it is based." He also states that a "broader purpose... is to make available to students some basic information about libertarianism, some relevant history about the libertarian movement, the history of the Libertarian Party, and how the Libertarian Party and its philosophy fit into the modern world." He succeeds on all accounts.

Bergland has obviously drawn upon his teaching background (he was a law professor for many years) to keep his writing

uncomplicated and to the point. And the book's format—24 magazine-sized pages containing 14 short chapters—make it non-threatening, easy reading for even the most hard to reach member of today's video-oriented culture. Several tongue-in-cheek cartoons illustrate points made in the text. And the handy 8½x11 size makes it convenient to carry in a loose-leaf notebook.

This book has been written not so much to inspire as to educate, though it does both. Not so much to discuss current political problems, as to provide the uninitiated with a framework within which he or she will be able to determine where a libertarian will stand on just about any issue, and why.

While several key topics are discussed in some depth—taxation, social security, education, foreign policy, pollution and victimless crimes—the book's greatest contribution to the student of libertarianism is its explanation of the nature

Party activists will immediately see the outreach potential of this book. A sample copy sent to the head of every local school's government or political science department can begin the process of "educating the educators." A cover letter offering quantities for all of their department's instructors (at reduced rates or free, depending on your budget) might be the next step. The ultimate goal, of course, is to get the book into the hands of the students themselves.

*Libertarianism in One Lesson* can be used by LP activists as a tool to help build or rebuild local student organizations—either in the image of the now-defunct Students for a Libertarian Society, or in some other form. It could be the first step in a program to attract America's youth to a libertarian position.

The book also has other educational/outreach potential.



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education, foreign policy, pollution and victimless crimes—the book's greatest contribution to the student of libertarianism is its explanation of the nature of government, its expose of the traditional obstacles we all face in thinking clearly about government, and the clear distinction it draws between libertarians and everyone else on the "traditional" political spectrum. Using a modified version of the "Nolan Chart," Bergland illustrates quite clearly why there is no place for freedom-loving libertarians in the commonly accepted "left-right" political framework.

He knocks down a number of fallacies to which people frequently fall victim when discussing government, and does especially good job of pointing out, time and time again, that no political philosophy can guarantee a perfect society... that "Utopia is not one of the options."

position.

The book also has other educational/outreach potential.

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Andy Lopez, Craig Green, Bob Hurt, Richard Cheek, Elaine Leass and Millie Gumper analyze the results of the November, 1984 election.

## Letter

# Feds to enter smog game

To the Editor:

For the last month or so, I have been voluntarily going along with the Better Air Campaign, leaving my car at home whenever I can. But I am convinced that the "voluntary program" is doomed to fail, and that soon the Feds will be giving us yet one more restriction.

This infuriates me, since I don't believe that a free society would have created Denver's pollution problem. Earlier in this century, when the auto industry was in its first boom stages, the big companies sent powerful lobbyists to Washington to ensure indirect subsidies for their industry. They convinced the Defense Department to support the building of a \$74 billion highway system—a project that has helped the auto industry more than it will ever help our national defense!

Soon, state and local governments were following suit, paving roads everywhere at taxpayer's expense for the benefit of the auto industry. Today, the average metropolitan area uses 50% of its space for cars, roads, garages, gas stations, and other auto-related purposes. In his excellent book *Human Scale*, author Kirkpatrick Sale notes that when you

ly monopolized by such unresponsive and inefficient bureaucracies as RTD. For the average Denverite, the car is the only transportation option left to him, and the resultant pollution is making that option less and less attractive.

I am convinced that a free society would have given us a wide range of options. The true cost of driving would have been borne by the drivers themselves. A host of alternatives would have presented themselves to city dwellers, most of them considerably more efficient and less polluting.

I am further convinced that it is not too late to let freedom work. It may be that dense population centers are a product of centralized control that our current corporate state offers. The free market tends to move toward decentralization, a move that is reversed by the power of centralized authority and the oligopolies that benefit from government subsidies and regulations. If our society would free up a bit, new businesses might not need to locate in power centers like Denver, but would disperse to smaller cities where the problems of overcrowding, pollution, crime, and a lower quality of life make

# "Will you be my Valentine?"

To the Editor:

Be My Valentine.

Love Always,

Kerry

While we talk and petition,

And get left behind.

Elaine, will you be my Valentine?

Dwight

From the Editor:

Maybe I knew you in another life.

Maybe it's destiny.

I have always been your Valentine.

And always will be.

Love,

Carolyn

## BETTY BOOBS

Here is my wish for a life of plunder and pillage. I love you tragically.

Eric Stratton

Chaplain, U.S. Army Air Corps.

## MAYNARD

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Bubba.

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—Chris

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space for cars, roads, garages, gas stations, and other auto-related purposes. In his excellent book *Human Scale*, author Kirkpatrick Sale notes that when you divide the average car-owner's wage by the time he spends driving, maintaining his car, paying taxes to support the highways, buying health and accident insurance, paying tickets, supporting a highway patrol, stopping for gas, and all the other incidental costs of driving (not even counting the pollution costs), our poor wage-earner is in reality traveling at a net speed of only five miles per hour!

The tremendous governmental infusion of money to subsidize autos effectively destroyed alternative transportation approaches. What few transportation alternatives were left were then effective-

power centers like Denver, but would disperse to smaller cities where the problems of overcrowding, pollution, crime, and a lower quality of life make the big city less attractive.

I should add that individual freedom can only increase the options of every person in this country. I would hope that as options open up for a healthier, cleaner lifestyle, that people will exercise their freedom to move away from places where the environment is being laid to waste. Today, such a move would be financially difficult for many Denverites. And tomorrow, those of us who live in Denver will have to suffer one more indignity as we have to stay home because the corporate state has restricted our last option for mobility.

Chris Mohr

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those paid in full by parties other than the U.S. Government.

"3. Establishment of a foreign policy in the region of free trade and cooperation with all legally constituted governments free from U.S. intervention in their internal affairs."

The Board directed Bob Hurt, author of the resolution, to send copies of the resolution to President Reagan, all eight Colorado Congressional representatives and the media.

The Board has also endorsed a bill to be presented to the Colorado State Legislature pre-empting local firearm laws which run counter to the State Constitution guaranteeing the right of

citizens to bear arms. At present, there are several localities which have passed laws forbidding the carrying of firearms. The new bill will declare such laws illegal.

Clarence Lovell of the National Rifle Association presented the bill to Board members for endorsement. The Libertarian Party has also named Bob Miller as a liason to act as a "watchdog" at legislative sessions dealing with this issue.



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